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18 June 1947

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The Foreign Office
Information Policy Department
17, Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1.
London, England

Dear Mr. Dudley:

This is in reply to your letter of 14 June 1947 in which you enumerate certain stipulations which the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch must follow in order to establish and operate an American monitoring station on the Island of Cyprus. This is to advise you that FBIB accepts the provisions set forth in paragraph two of your letter.

FBIB is very anxious to move swiftly in arranging the details for transferring our monitoring station from Cairo to Cyprus. As you can readily appreciate, we do not wish to continue paying the excessive communication charges from Cairo to London any longer than is absolutely necessary. In view of the urgency for an immediate transfer of our monitoring facilities in the Middle East, would you please advise me what clearances will be necessary for us to send a survey team of three or four individuals to Cyprus. We would plan to have this team stop in London on route to Cyprus and would greatly appreciate it if they could be accompanied by a representative of the BBC or of His Majesty's Government.

This survey group of technicians and administrative personnel, after conferring with the proper British authorities on Cyprus, would survey all factors pertaining to the erection of a monitoring station. This would include such items as appropriate reception sites, availability of power supply, operational housing possibilities, employee housing possibilities, the availability of construction facilities locally, and other miscellaneous items for which information will be required prior to the completion of our detailed plans.

We will proceed with plans for having our survey team available for departure to London as soon as you advise me that HMG has given a favorable reply to our proposal for the handling of communications from Cyprus to London.

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I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation and support of you and your staff throughout the recent negotiations. My supervisors are completely satisfied with the results obtained so far and I hope I shall be receiving your final reply in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Malcolm Frost, Director BBC Monitoring Service
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